

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD
100 N Park, Rm 201
Helena MT 59620

Board Legislative Committee Minutes
Monday, June 7, 2012
3:00 pm

Committee Members (present via telephone):

Terrence Smith, Chair
Bob Bugni, Member
Scott Moore, Member

Other Board Members (present via telephone):

Dianna Porter
Darcy Halpin

Members of the Public:

Diane Fladmo, MEA-MIT
Mike O'Connor, AMPRE

(present via telephone)

Doug Neil, MSFA
Shantil Siaperas, MACo
Stephanie Morrison, LFD
Amber Carlson, Montana Troopers

Staff:

Roxanne Minnehan
Melanie Symons
Patricia Davis
Kate Talley
Flora Sebens

I. Roll Call

Roll call was taken and five Board members participated via telephone.

II. Public/Member Comment on any subject of interest to the Board not on the agenda.
No public comment.

III. Executive Director Report – background information and objective

A. PERS Defined Contribution Plan Study – dissemination

Roxanne Minnehan presented another draft of the document, “Dollars and Sense”, which was drafted at the request of the Board. The one-page document highlights the impacts of requiring all PERS new hires to join the DCRP.

Member Bob Bugni suggested adding a bullet on benefits for disabilities and survivor benefits.

Chairman Terrence Smith recommended removing bullet point #5 – “Ensure all benefit enhancements have a funding mechanism.”

B. LFC/SAVA Joint Meeting

Long-Term Planning Goals and Framework for Analysis

Sheri Scurr and Dave Bohyer from the Legislative Fiscal Services Division drafted a report as part of the Legislative Services Division’s Examination of Pensions Challenges Report. The appendix (b), called “Long-Term Planning Goals and Framework for Analysis” will be presented at the joint LFC/SAVA meeting on June 12, 2012. Appendix A will provide David Ness’ analysis of Contract Rights. The report and appendix B have been revised considerably from the last Legislative Committee Conference Call on Monday, June 4, 2012. Barbara Quinn, Melanie Symons and Roxanne Minnehan met with Ms. Scurr. She explained the structure and it addressing the issue of moving toward actuarial soundness. She is going to ask the SAVA Committee to request MPERA have our actuary complete the missing data at MPERA’s expense. Ms. Minnehan has already sent this document to our actuary so she can have a cost estimate to present at the SAVA Committee. It was unanimously felt that MPERA should not have to pay for this to be done.

C. Normal Retirement Age

A copy of the letter from Ice Miller was sent to the IRS addressing additional information regarding our Cycle C filings. Six systems are found to be qualified with the caveat that we amend our rules to address normal retirement age. PERS and MPORS are still outstanding. Ice Miller sent the IRS a Proposed Amendment to address the retirement age issue. Ms. Melanie Symons is working on a similar amendment for the MPORS system.

D. Other Legislation Issues

There were no other issues discussed.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.